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ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

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So the amendment (No. 1477) was rejected.

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was rejected.

Mr. DOMENICI. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senator from Maryland is recognized to offer an amendment.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, will the Senator yield to me for 3 minutes?

Mr. SARBANES. Certainly.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, at the end of that time I will be recognized to offer the amendment?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That is correct.

Mr. DOLE. I thank the Senator.

NATURAL BORN KILLERS

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, today's Boston Herald contains a shocking front-page story—a story that should send shivers down the spines of all Americans, especially those who have criticized my call to the entertainment industry to exercise good citizenship when it comes to producing films that celebrate mindless violence.

That is the headline: "We're 'Natural Born Killers.'" There was a movie called "Natural Born Killers." This is a story, the prosecutor says, where the suspects bragged about the slaying saying, "We're natural born killers."

"We're 'Natural Born Killers,'" the headline blares, referring to the critically acclaimed Oliver Stone film.

This is what happened. The Boston Herald story begins, and I quote:

As they changed out of their bloody clothes, the men who plunged a knife into an elderly Avon man 27 times bragged they were "natural born killers," a Norfolk County prosecutor said yesterday.

"Haven't you ever seen 'natural born killers' before?" 18-year-old suspect Patrick T. Morse allegedly bragged to a girl after the gruesome slaying.

According to the Norfolk County prosecutor, "This is one of the most vicious premeditated murders I have ever seen." And Massachusetts State Police

Trooper Brian Howe said "My understanding was that they were drawing a comparison between the characters in the movie and themselves."

Of course, no movie caused this brutal killing in Massachusetts. We are all responsible for our own actions, period. But, at the same time, those in the entertainment industry who deny that cultural messages can bore deep into the hearts and minds of our young people are deceiving themselves. If the Boston Herald story is true, and if these are the kinds of role models that Hollywood is content to promote, then perhaps some serious soul-searching is in order in the corporate suits of the entertainment industry.

Let me just indicate again that is the headline. It is not BOB DOLE's headline. It is the headline this morning in the Boston Herald about how these young murderers bragged about attacking an old man and stabbing the person 27 times. In fact, it goes into graphic detail about the knife that was so bloody that they had to ask for a new knife.

Something is wrong in America with the entertainment industry, and maybe it is high time they took a look at themselves and put profit behind common decency.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the article from the Boston Herald be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

WE'RE "NATURAL BORN KILLERS"

As they changed out of their bloody clothes, the men who plunged a knife into an elderly Avon man 27 times bragged that they were "Natural Born Killers," a Norfolk County prosecutor said yesterday.

"Haven't you ever seen 'Natural Born Killers' before?" suspect Patrick T. Morse allegedly bragged to a girl after the gruesome slaying of 65-year-old Philip Meskinis.

Chilling details of the trio's murderous attack and their fascination with the murder spree depicted in the motion picture "Natural Born Killers" were revealed yesterday when Morse, 18, and Leonard Stanley, 20, were arraigned on murder charges and held without bail.

Police are scouring the Brockton area for a third suspect, Michael F. Freeman, a 20-year-old fugitive and former convict who allegedly wielded the knife that slashed Meskinis' throat early Friday morning and punctured his body with 27 stab wounds.

"I've been doing violent felonies for 20 years," Norfolk County prosecutor Gerald Pudolsky said after the arraignment. "This is one of the most vicious, premeditated murders I've seen."

After an intensive investigation that led to Morse's arrest about 36 hours after the grisly murder, and Stanley's surrender shortly after 11 p.m. Sunday, police learned in interviews with Morse and the trio's associates that the men and their female friends "on occasion" watched "Natural Born Killers" after one person bought the movie, said State Police Trooper Brian L. Howe.

"My understanding was they were drawing a comparison between the characters in the movie and themselves," Howe said.

In Stoughton District Court yesterday, Morse and Stanley sat expressionless as Pudolsky recited the threesome's alleged vile deeds.

"I think the only thing they're sorry about is they got caught," Howe said after the arraignment.

The trio allegedly started plotting the slaying at a coffee-shop in Avon after Freeman—whose handicapped mother once dated the disabled victim—told Morse and Stanley that Meskinis had money and guns stashed inside in his School Street home, Pudolsky said.

At 5 p.m. Thursday, the trio went to a girlfriend's house in Avon where they discussed "pulling an armed invasion at Mr. Meskinis' house," Pudolsky said.

Armed with at least two, maybe three knives, the suspects left the girl's house in Morse's Chevrolet Cavalier at about 1:30 a.m. "Mr. Freeman knew he was going to kill the victim and the other two went along 100 percent," Pudolsky said in an interview.

As Meskinis lay asleep in his bed, the men invaded his home and Freeman launched the bloody assault, jamming a knife repeatedly into the helpless man's body.

"So much blood was coming from Mr. Meskinis' body that Mr. Freeman actually lost the grip on the knife," Pudolsky said.

Freeman yelled to Morse for another knife and Morse complied, passing a Buck knife, Pudolsky said. The blows were so forceful that Freeman allegedly broke Meskinis' wrist and clavicle during the relentless hacking.

Stanley was "ready, willing and able" to assist in the bloody siege—although his attorney and relatives insisted yesterday that he was not in the bedroom during the murder.

The suspects stole a shotgun and a .22-caliber rifle, stashing them first in the woods, and later inside the girlfriend's house.

Police recovered two knives, two victim's guns and bags of bloodied clothing ditched in a dumpster behind a Brockton convenience store.

The trio returned to the woman's home where three other female friends were staying that night, police said. They stripped their bloodied clothing, and worried that they had left behind fingerprints, Morse and Freeman brazenly returned to the murder scene at about 5 a.m. to remove evidence from ashtrays and door knobs, police said.

As Morse and Freeman sat down at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast, Stanley said he was not hungry.

But Stanley, using a glass of water, gurgled the liquid in his mouth to imitate "the death chortle of Mr. Meskinis as his throat was being slashed," Pudolsky said.

ELECTIONS IN HAITI

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, long-delayed parliamentary elections were held in Haiti last weekend. The long-suffering Haitian people deserve credit in what is a momentous step in their efforts to develop democracy. For many months, it appeared elections might never take place. Since January, President Aristide has been governing by decree because elections were not held in the constitutionally mandated period.

All reports out of Haiti indicate confusion and chaos in the electoral process. Hundreds of thousands of Haitians were waiting to vote 24 hours after polls were supposed to close. Some polling stations opened very late, and some never opened at all. An election station was burned in northern Haiti. Turnout was low.